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LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE IN RNTCP
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of World Bank assistance given to States for implementation of the Revised National Tuberculosis Programme especially in Gujarat and West Bengal;

(b) the reasons for coverage of meagre percentage of population under this programme;

(c) whether the Government propose to supplement the said programme with financial assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the names of States where RNTCP has since been implemented and the percentage of population covered thereunder in each State;

(f) whether March 24, 2000 has been observed as the World TB Day; (g) if so, the details in this regard; and (h) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among the people in implementing this programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a)to(h): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.
Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 344 for 18.04.2000

Parts (a) to (h) :

Under the World Bank assisted Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP), central assistance is given to the districts covered under the project in various states in terms of 100% supply of anti-TB drugs and Binocular Microscopes, procured Centrally, as well as grants-in-aid disbursed through state and District TB societies for undertaking various activities for implementing the project. A statement indicating State-wise details of cash assistance

(grants-in-aid) gjven to States, including Gujarat and West Bengal, is given at Annex-I. Commodity assistance to the extent of Rs.36.68 crores in terms of drugs and binocular microscopes have also been supplied to the various States till 31.03.2000.

The RNTCP was introduced in the country in 1997 with the aim of covering 271.21 million population in 5 years using the Revised Strategy known as Direct Observation Treatment, Shortcourse (DOTS) which had proved effective in controlling this disease on a mass basis. The success of this strategy is however dependent on its technical and operational quality, which is interalia dependent on various factors like good quality diagnosis through high quality microscopy, and emphasis on training, monitoring and supervision. Therefore the pace of expansion of the programme is dependent on the pace of successfully implementing these activities.

Despite the constraints of terrain, accessibility, a heterogeneous population, etc this programme has been successfully implemented over the last 3 years to cover approximately 180 million population up to March 2000. It is now slated to cover 400 million population by 2002.

In addition to this coverage, an additional 100 million population in Andhra Pradesh and 14 districts in Orissa has also been covered by bilaterally funded projects from DFID & DANIDA respectively.

The names of the States where RNTCP is in operation and percentage population covered are given in Annexure-II.

24th March has been observed as World TB Day. On this day, each year efforts are made to raise the awareness of people about the problem of TB in India. Salient facts about TB that the public should be aware of are published in leading national and regional newspapers throughout the country. The messages emphasize the fact that TB is a curable disease if treatment is taken for the full

course and that diagnosis and treatment facilities, including supply of anti-TB drugs, are provided free of cost to the TB patients at the government health facilities. Besides this, under the RNTCP,IEC activities are also regularly undertaken for the benefit of the community. ANNEXURE-I

Cash assistance given to States Implementing World Bank Assisted Revised National TB Control Programme

(RNTCP) up to 31.03.2000

State	Amount Released Rs.Lakh
Total	
AP	71.17
Assam	34.94
Bihar	357.98
Delhi	413.2
Gujarat	697.13
Haryanna	95.36
Himachal Pradesh	143.58
Karnataka	300.37
Kerala	491.40
Madhya Pradesh	101.56
Maharashtra	394.3
Manipur	32.733
Rajasthan	432.83
Tamil Nadu	537.33
Uttar Pradesh	350.17
West Bengal	1132.59
Total	5586.631

Annexure II

Percentage of Population covered under RNTCP

Name of the State covered	Percentage of population
Delhi	100
Kerala	75
Rajasthan	51
Himachal Pradesh	46
Gujarat	45
Manipur	40
West Bengal	33
Tamilnadu	25
Maharashtra	21
Orissa	19
Haryana	12

Karnataka	9
Andhra Pradesh	8
Bihar	7
Assam	5
Madhya Pradesh	4
Uttar Pradesh	4